Stormy weather with snow to follow

7 December 2011 - An Atlantic storm is set to bring strong winds to the UK for Thursday and Friday, with gale force gusts affecting many areas.

The strongest winds are expected to affect central, southern and north eastern Scotland, northern parts of Northern Ireland, and North East England - with gusts of up to 80mph.

Severe weather warnings have been issued by the Met Office for these areas to warn of potential travel disruption and the possibility of some structural damage.

We are working with Transport Scotland and the Highways Agency to ensure they have the latest information about which areas are likely to be most affected.

Elsewhere in the UK winds will still be strong on both Thursday and Friday, with gusts of up to 50-60mph.

Brent Walker, a forecaster at the Met Office, said: "As the storm passes through and moves to the east of the UK on Friday north-westerly winds will bring in cold air which will see a drop in temperatures.

"This is expected to bring snow to northern and western parts of the UK, while other parts of the country will see a cold night on Friday with widespread temperatures of around -1 °C."

Further severe weather warnings have been issued for the risk of snow in Western Scotland, Northern Ireland and Northwest England on Friday and Saturday.

The Met Office has also issued a Cold Weather Alert for North West England and the West Midlands.

For the latest information, stay up to date with our online forecasts and weather warnings.

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